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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR VERIFYING THE AUTHENTICITY OF A FIRST  
COMMUNICATION PARTICIPANTS IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please REPLACE the specification originally filed with the enclosed Substitute Specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please CANCEL claims 1-11.

Please ADD new claims 12-30 in accordance with the following:

12. (NEW) A method for checking the authenticity of a first communication subscriber in a communications network, comprising:

forming a first fault information item in the first communication subscriber using a fault detection data item of the first communication subscriber and an information item relating to a

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